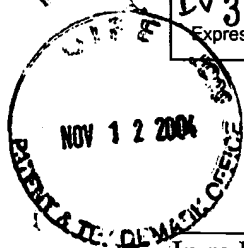


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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed October 18, 2004, the Examiner has required restriction
between:

1. Figures 1 and 6;
2. Figures 1 and 7;
3. Figures 1 and 8;
4. Figures 2-5 and 6;
5. Figures 2-5 and 7;
6. Figures 2-5 and 8;
7. Figures 9-11 and 6;
8. Figures 9-11 and 7; and
9. Figures 9-11 and 8.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects Species 4 which is defined by Figs. 2-5 and 6 for further prosecution on the merits. Applicant submits that claims 1-6, 9, 10 and 13 are readable on the elected Species 4 and therefore, these claims (1-6, 9, 10 and 13) should be examined.

Applicant hereby reserves the right to continue prosecution of the non-elected claims in a divisional application.

It is believed that the present communication is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

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